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The attached report concerning the impending reorganization of the DDR's
Ministry of Foreign Trade as of 22 September 1950

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department within the Hauptabteilung Aussenhandel.

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2. Schacht [] in his capacity as SED Orgleiter of MIA [] was in a position to state that under no circumstances would Handke remain a minister after the elections: The new Ministry of Foreign Trade, which immediately after the elections would be remodelled according to the Soviet pattern, would most probably be headed by Genter-Gilzmanns (at present Unter-Staatssekretär) under whom Makower would probably head the Import department. He (Schacht) would in this case take over the Customs department, and Dr. Gröhl (who at present handles liaison between MIA and the Ministry of Planning) would head the Currency department.

3. It is understood that the following "country-bigrams" are to be substituted by MIA officials on official documents in lieu of the "en clair" designations:

a. USSR	25	j. Finland	05
b. Poland	16	k. Norway	14
c. Czechoslovakia	22	l. USA	47
d. Denmark	04	m. England	08
e. Holland	13	n. Italy	11
f. Austria	15	o. Sweden	19
g. Rumania	18	p. Switzerland	20
h. Belgium	02	q. Hungary	24
i. Bulgaria	03		

4. The following code numbers and abbreviations** have also come into effect in the DDR Ministry of Industry:

Code Numbers:

a. Local Nationalized Undertakings	1
b. VEB's under "Land" control	2
c. VEB's under Zone control	5
d. Private Firms	7
e. SAG's	9

Abbreviations:

f. Hauptabteilung Energie	E
g. " Kohle	K
h. " Metallurgie	M
i. " Chemie	CH
j. " Steine u. Erden	STER
k. " Maschinenbau u. Elektrotechnik	ME
l. " Leichtindustrie	L
m. " Lebensmittel u. Fischwirtschaft	IF
n. " Bauindustrie	B

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* [] Comment. This list of bigrams is correct as of 26 August 1950. It is to be used on bills of lading and all other documents relating to rail transport in and out of the DDR. Severe punishments have been threatened for any MIA transport official writing out the names "en clair".

** [] Comment. This code is more transparent. It is included primarily as an illustration of the new security wave which is sweeping DDR Ministries.

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